

The Social Team will meet briefly in the parlor after today's worship to plan for FBC's Anniversary dinner.

There will be **Acolyte training** for 1st - 12th graders **today, September 11, at 5:00pm.** This training is for those who are currently serving as acolytes and for any child (grades 1-5) or youth (grades 6-12) interested in becoming an acolyte.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes at 10am on September 14. We'll be studying Romans. **Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study** is in the Rock House at 6pm on Wednesdays. That study will be led by Emily Pereira.

Choir Retreat, Saturday, September 17. We'll meet from 10am until 3pm, and practice music for our 125th Anniversary Celebration, as well as start Christmas music.

Old-Fashioned Sunday is September 18. Wear some old-fashioned clothing (or not) and join us for a unique time of worship.

Children's Choir begins **September 18** at 5:00pm. The children will meet every Sunday.

Brotherhood meets at Calvert's Kitchen on September 19 at 6:30pm. All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. There's a sign-up sheet in the education hallway.

Kid's Night Out, September 23 – We have a children's activity night planned from 6pm to 9pm, to give their parents a little break. This event is for children in kindergarten to fifth grade, and space is limited to twenty, so RSVP soon! Permission forms can be obtained at the church office.

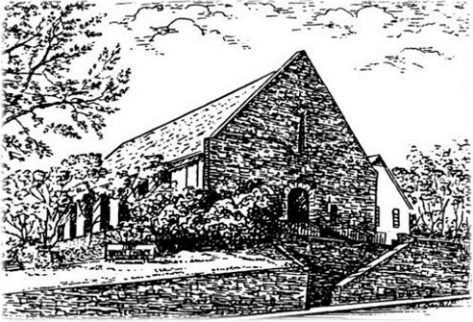
Activity Building Workday, Saturday, September 24 – We're going to give the Activity Building a good sprucing up before our Anniversary Celebration. Volunteers are asked to come around 8:30am, and we should be finished by noon.

Put it on your calendar—The 125th Anniversary Celebration of FBC Tryon is October 2, at 10:30am. Help us spread the word by inviting folks who have been a part of FBC to join us.

September 4, 2016

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 5,601	Food Pantry	\$ 20	School Supplies	\$20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,683	I Love My Church	\$ 5		
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 230,096	Music Ministry	\$150		
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 240,588	Church Scholarships	\$120		

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AT
WORSHIP

September 11, 2016

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Prelude *Jesus Calls Us* -Franklin Ritter

Call to Worship Candace Wilson

Teacher God,
We come to worship you today.
 Enable us to build in your image,
a strong foundation and a community of servants.
 Joined together,
led by your work and encouraged by your spirit.
 As you hear us,
Teach us to hear you. AMEN.

†**Hymn 599, We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord** CLONMEL

†**Invocation** Margot Carter

†**Passing the Peace** Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children's Time Candace Wilson
 (Kindergartners and preschoolers may leave for Children's Church after the Children's Time.)

Introduction of Jaime Fitzgerald Jeff Harris

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading, Exodus 32:7-14 (p. 82) Jaime Fitzgerald

Responsive Reading, Psalm 14 John Spinks

Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

New Testament Reading, I Timothy 1:12-17 (p. 198) Candace Wilson

Recognition of Those Working in Public School Systems Candace Wilson
Litany for Education and Schools (see insert)

Recognition of Christian Education Teachers, Leaders, and Workers
Litany of Teaching and Learning (see insert)
Prayer of Blessing
Presentation of Bibles

†**Hymn**, *We Thank You, God, for Teachers (see insert)* LANCASHIRE

Gospel Reading, Luke 15:1-10 (p. 76) Jeff Harris

Anthem *Jesus and the Children* -arr. Dowell/Barrett

Sermon 'What Really Matters' Jeff Harris

RESPONDING IN FAITH

†**Hymn 601**, *Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray* DIADEMATA
(Those making decisions of faith, renewals of faith, or desiring to unite with our church through membership, may come forward at this time.)

†**Offertory Prayer** Di Greene

Offertory and Meditation *More About Jesus* -arr. Tedd Smith

†**Doxology 253**, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Opportunities for Service Jeff Harris

†**Benediction** Jeff Harris

†**Congregational Response**, *May the Spirit Bind Us Together* -Brad Stevens

May the Spirit bind us together as we build this house of faith;

One in heart and one in spirit may we grow;

May we raise our voices in witness; May our lives reflect Thy grace;

One in heart and one in spirit as we go, as we go.

†**Postlude** *Heeding the Call* -Tom Birchwood

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Acolyte training
	5:00 pm	S.E.E. (meal at 6pm, kickball 6:30pm)
	5:00 pm	Refuge (note time change)
Monday, September 12	5:30 pm	Mission Team meeting
Tuesday, September 13	10:30 am	Staff meeting
	7:00 pm	Sisterhood
Wednesday, September 14	10:00 am	Bible Study – Rock House, shared lunch
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 17	10:00 am	Chancel Choir Retreat

Acolytes for today's service are Laney Littlefield and Jack Fox.

If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. Please complete a welcome card, which can be found in the pew pocket, and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex.

S.E.E. Kickoff and Kickball - Tonight at 5pm, meal 6pm, and kickball 6:30pm. Children and preschooler activities begin at 5pm in the educational space of the main building Adults in the Activity Building will study Barbara Brown Taylor's "*The Luminous Web*." If you're meeting at the Rock House, the study will be Adam Hamilton's "*Half-Truths – God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*."

A Litany for Education and Schools

We Thank You, God, for Teachers (tune: LANCASHIRE)

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your way,
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for children and older people, too,
Who value times of learning and want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom and wisdom from above,
For wise ones of all ages still seek to learn your love.

We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, the way of Christ our Lord.

We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,
That nurture every person in answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your spirit, and give us life anew,
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.

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Leader: Today we recognize those involved in the public education of our children and youth. The call to be involved in this education is a high calling. Those who teach our children and youth help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, school administrators, counselors, school volunteers, support staff, cafeteria workers, school bus drivers and all others in our congregation who work in our schools.

People: **We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our community who are involved in the education of children and youth.**

Leader: Gracious God, we lift up to you all those involved in education in this community and in all the communities in our nation and world. Guide us, great God, that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers, and all those involved in education.

People: **We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the lives of those in school. We pray for courage to explore new ways of supporting the people and institutions that teach our children and youth. We pray in the name of the great teacher, Jesus. Amen.**

LITANY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

God made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, promising that their descendants would number as the stars in the heavens and the sands on the shore. You are each one of those “stars,” one of those “grains of sand.”

We join our minds, hearts, and lives to tell the stories of our ancestors in the faith in this time and this place.

What else will you tell each other so that the generations following will keep the story alive?

We will tell them about people like us – sometimes fragile and fearful, funny and faithful – who lived to keep the covenant alive.

What else will you tell about God’s promise to keep the covenant?

We will tell of the fulfillment of God’s promise to send Christ into the world. We will tell how the Spirit works within our lives to guide us toward God’s hopes.

Your commitment to share what you know about God’s work in the world is an act of mind and heart. How will you covenant to learn and grow?

Because the life of faith is a family life, we dedicate ourselves to learn in community. Because the Bible is the story of your redeeming love, we commit to become life-time students of the Bible. Because music, art, scripture and prayer are ways we hear your stories, we will listen for God’s word to us each time we worship.

In all your learning and all your teaching, look for ways God’s grace has been present for you. Notice how the Christian faith helps you make sense of your lives and gives them meaning and purpose.

We celebrate all the learning that happens in classrooms and in the sanctuary, in meetings or in a study, on a lap or on our knees. We invite others to teach and learn with us.